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FOR MEADOWS EB/TT/OA AND MOSER EA/ANP FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION APRIL 17TH WITH GROUP OF GOF CABINET OFFICERS, QUESTION OF US-FIJI CIVAIR PROBLEMS AMONG FIRST ISSUES RAISED BY FIJIANS AND IS CLEARLY MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO GOF. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME AFTER ONLY BRIEF FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO MATTER THAT THIS IS KEY ISSUE IN US-FIJI RELATIONS AND THAT CIVAIR OFFICIALS HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF GOF IN STICKING TO WHAT IT CONSIDERS REASONABLE AND JUSTIFIABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS ON PAGO-NADI RUN. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CAUTION AGAINST PRECIPITOUS ACTION, POINTING OUT BENEFITS TOURIST INDUSTRY DERIVES FROM TOUR GROUPS TIED IN WITH US FLAG AIRLINES AND FROM ADVERTISING US BY US AIRLINES. WHILE THIS POINT FULLY APPRECIATED, THERE IS NO INDICATION GOF WILL SWING AWAY FROM ITS POSITION. I AM AWARE OF PROBLEMS AND PRESSURE USDEL SUBJECT TO IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO PASS ON TO YOU MY IMPRESSIONS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR MAY 13 RESUMPTION NEGOTIATIONS IN HONOLULU SINCE CIVAIR MINISTER GANILAU HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN. WILL ADVISE.

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